

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph appearing on page 1, lines 5-9 in the original application and amended in the preliminary Amendment filed January 17, 2002 as follows:

Cross reference is made to U.S. Serial No. 09/964,011, filed on even date herewith, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,643,832 and is entitled "VIRTUAL TREE-BASED NETLIST MODEL AND METHOD OF DELAY ESTIMATION FOR AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DESIGN."